## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Accompanying Continuation Application Under 37 CFR 1.53(b):

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## PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner of Patents

Washington, D.C. 20231

December 5, 2001

Sir:

For:

Prior to examination, please amend the above application as follows.

## IN THE CLAIMS

Cancel claims 1-11 without prejudice or disclaimer.

## REMARKS

The Applicants request entry of the foregoing amendment.

Claims 1-11 were part of the specification originally filed in the prior application. New claims have been added in the new specification filed for this continuation application. Claims 1-11 were contained in the new specification as filed

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concurrently with this Preliminary Amendment, for the purpose of ensuring specification support for the subject matter contained therein. However, the Applicants do not wish to pursue examination of claims 1-11 as presently submitted, in this continuation application, and thus they have been canceled. The Applicants do not disclaim any of the subject matter of claims 1-11.

Respectfully submitted,

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